

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

United States Courts
Southern District of Texas
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

RYAN DALE MCWHORTER

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CRIMINAL NO.

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

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CRIMINAL INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

INTRODUCTION

At all times material to this Indictment:

1. The term "minor" is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(1), as "any person under the age of eighteen years."

2. The term "child pornography," for purposes of this Indictment, is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8)(A), as:

"any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where -

(A) the production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct. "

3. The term "sexually explicit conduct" is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2)(A), as any:

"actual or simulated -

- (i) sexual intercourse, including genital [to] genital, oral [to] genital, anal [to] genital, or oral [to] anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex; [or]
- (ii) bestiality; [or]
- (iii) masturbation; [or]
- (iv) sadistic or masochistic abuse; or
- (v) [the] lascivious exhibition of the anus, genitals or pubic area of any person."

4. The term "computer" is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2256(6) and 1030(e)(1), as any:

"electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other high speed data processing device performing logical, arithmetic, or storage functions, and includes any data storage facility or communications facility directly related to or operating in conjunction with such device, but such term does not include an automated typewriter or typesetter, a portable hand held calculator or other similar device."

5. The term "producing", for purposes of this Indictment, is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(3) and case law, as:

"producing, directing, manufacturing, issuing, publishing or advertising" and includes downloading or copying visual depictions from another source.

6. The term "visual depiction" is defined, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(5), as including, but is not limited to, any:

"undeveloped film and videotape, and data stored on computer disk or by electronic means which is capable of conversion into a visual image."

COUNT ONE
(Coercion and Enticement)

From on or about November 19, 2019, through on or about December 3, 2019, within the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere,

RYAN DALE MCWHORTER,

defendant herein, by use of a means of a facility of interstate and foreign commerce, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a person whom defendant believed had not attained the age of 18 years, to engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged

with a criminal offense under the laws of the United States, that is, the crime of sexual exploitation of a child, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b).

COUNT TWO
(Receipt of Child Pornography)

On or about February 18, 2020, within the Southern District of Texas,

RYAN DALE MCWHORTER,

defendant herein, did knowingly receive material that contained child pornography using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, including by computer.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2)(B) and Section 2252A(b)(1).

COUNT THREE
(Possession of Child Pornography)

On or about February 20, 2020, within the Southern District of Texas,

RYAN DALE MCWHORTER,

defendant herein, did knowingly possess material that contained an image of child pornography, which had been shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and which were produced using materials which have been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, by any means, including by computer, more specifically: the defendant possessed a LG Stylo 5 cell phone s/n 908VTXF0609530 which contained images of child pornography.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
18 U.S.C. § 2253(a)

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(a)(2) and (a)(3), the United States gives the defendant notice that in the event of conviction for the offenses charged in Count One through Count Three of the Indictment, the United States will seek to forfeit all property, real and personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from the offenses charged in Count One through Count Three; and all property, real and personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of the offenses charged in Count One through Count Three, or any property traceable to such property, including, but not limited to, the following:

a LG Stylo 5 cell phone s/n 908VTXF0609530.

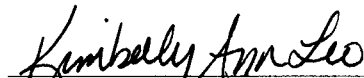
A True Bill:

Original signature on File

Grand Jury Foreperson

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